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RE: ADM File No. 2003-21

Proposed Amendment of Rule 9.207 of the Michigan Court Rules.

Dear Chief Justice Taylor:

At the October 17, 2006 meeting of the Michigan Judges Association, the Rules Committee and the Executive Board considered the above-referenced proposed amendments.

MJA supports the adoption of Alternative A and opposes the adoption of Alternative B. We have reviewed the letter of October 9, 2006 sent by Paul J. Fisher, Executive Director and General Counsel of the Judicial Tenure Commission. We agree with the rationale contained in that letter for adopting Alternative A and opposing Alternative B. We join in the comments of the Tenure Commission which support Alternative A.

We thank the Court for considering our input on these matters. If the Michigan Judges Association may provide any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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